

Remarks

In the present response, claim 19 is canceled. Claims 1-3 and 5-18, and 20-25 are presented for examination. Applicants make a sincere effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 14-18 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by USPN 7,315,985 (Gauvin). These rejections are traversed.

Claims 14-18 and 21-25 recite elements not taught or even suggested in Gauvin. Some examples are provided below for the independent claims.

Independent claim 18 is amended to include the recitations of allowed dependent claim 19. Therefore, independent claim 18 is now in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 14 recites re-sizing, in response to said manipulating, a surface area consumed on the GUI by said icons in proportion to a change upon respective ones of the resources caused by the manipulating the relationship. The claim further recites that the surface area of the icons are resized according to current allocation of storage resources. The examiner cites column 23 of Gauvin. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Column 23 in Gauvin teaches that a user drags and drops a storage element icon “by dropping these icons into the user defined group top-level parent folder in the hierarchical arrangement of icons” (col. 23, lines 15 – 21). Column 23 also teaches that when a user associates a host element into a user-defined group, child element definitions are also associated with this group.

Nowhere does Gauvin teach or even suggest that when the user drags and drops a storage element icon then the area consumed by this icon is re-sized. **Gauvin does not re-size the icons as recited in claim 14.**

For at least these reasons, claims 14 – 17 are allowable over Gauvin.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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